

**YAMHILL COUNTY
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Thursday, September 8, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS

6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Jeff Brown	Gordon Cook	Casey Kulla, Commissioner
Chip Mayes	Dave Hanson	Mark Lago, Director
Rocky Losli	Bruce Hubbard	Tara Williams, Recording Secretary
Michal Wert	Tony Roos	
	Adam Zabinski	

Opening of Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by acting Chair, Michal Wert.

Roll Call

Members were present as noted above. Susan Aldrich-Markham, Leesa Novack, and Tim Novack attended as guests.

Approval of April Minutes

No quorum, minutes will be circulated at next month's meeting.

Sheriff's Report

None.

Commissioner's Report

- Casey brought to RIAC the concern of gates around the County. Currently, gates require board approval and Casey asked the committee if RIAC should look at the approval of gates before they are brought to the board. Further discussion on the topic will be needed when there is a quorum.

Director's Report

- Mark provided an update on the FEMA ice storm of 2020. FEMA will now pay out 90% of costs associated with the storm vs. the 75% that was first offered.
- Mark informed the committee of the staffing changes at Public Works including hiring the new Fleet Manager Justin Frantz, rehiring Russ Heath on a contract basis, and not hiring either of the candidates interviewed for the Vegetation Management Coordinator position.
- Mark updated the committee on the progress of the 2022 chip sealing project. All the roads budgeted for 2022 have been chip sealed and fog sealed. Marion County has been hired to do the first layer of striping and we will be reopening the bid for the second layer of striping.
- Mark provided an update on the Deer Creek Park bridge replacement project. The construction of the new bridge has started, and the bridge is estimated to remain closed until November 12, 2022. Citizens may still access the park via the pedestrian bridge and can park in the temporary parking lot.
- Mark informed the committee that the Ed Grenfell Park bridge was load rated earlier this year, limiting certain vehicle access. The bridge has since been reinforced and is now load rated at 12 tons.
- Mark updated the committee on the intersection changes on Bald Peak Rd. So far, there has not been an increase in tickets or accidents from people running the new stop signs. It appears all the additional signage and notifications have properly informed the public of the changes.

New Business

- Tetra Tech presented their work on the TMDL Mercury Plan mandate. Please see attached PDF.
- Susan Aldrich-Markham presented the 2022 GIS Roadside Vegetation Inventory project. Please see attached PowerPoint.

Unfinished Business

- Michal brought to the committee's attention on 6/9/22 that there is a black SUV that parks on Mt. Top Rd and appears to be engaging in illegal activities. The location they park is County property and it was recommended PW install some sort of physical barrier to prevent anyone from parking there. Mark will contact the Sheriff's Office for more information.
- Mark talked to the principal at Ewing Young Elementary School about parents lining up on Dopp Rd to pick up their children from school. The principal is aware of the issue and understands there is about a 15-minute window where cars line up on the side of the road. Mark believes we may have enough room on the shoulder to create some sort of loop for parents and will investigate the option further.

Public Comment

- Leesa Novack and Tim Novack raised issues on road maintenance, policing, non-licensed vehicles, and high speed on High Heaven Road. RIAC suggested that they talk with Mark Lago about how these issues can be addressed.

Additional Items

Next Month Proposed Agenda

- Cooperative Road Improvement Projects (CRIP) application
- Roadside Vegetation Management Plan updates
- Bridge CIP
- Federal Funds for bridges

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. on a motion by Jeff Brown, seconded, carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on October 13, 2022, in the Public Works building.